

**THE DEATH RECORD.**

Miss L. Carrie Close Died This Morning at Her Home in This City.

**ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE.**

Mrs. Catherine Kramer, Who Has Lived in Decatur Over Thirty Years, Passed Away This Morning at the Home of Her Son, A. Kramer.

Miss L. Carrie Close died this morning at 3:35 o'clock at the Griswold residence on West Main street, aged 73 years. She has been an invalid for twenty years and had been confined to her bed for the past six weeks.

Miss Close came from Albion, N. Y., to this city in 1883 and made her home with her sister, the late Mrs. C. L. Griswold. Owing to her poor health she lived a retired life but was well known by many persons in the city and was a highly esteemed lady. Since the death of Mrs. Griswold she has made her home with her niece, Miss Carrie Griswold. She leaves a brother, J. A. Close of San Jose, Cal., and two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Hitchcock of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Mrs. J. H. Parker of Davenport, Iowa. She was a sister of the late Mrs. C. E. Roberts and Mrs. C. L. Griswold.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, will conduct the services and the remains will be taken to the old home of the deceased at Albion, N. Y. They will be accompanied by C. L. Griswold and Miss Carrie Griswold.

**Death of Mrs. Kramer.**

Mrs. Catherine Kramer died of the grip at 6:30 a.m. today at her home at the corner of North Main and Cerro Gordo streets, aged 90 years. The deceased was one of the old settlers of the city having lived here for the past thirty-three years. She had been in fairly good health but about a week ago she was seized with an attack of the grip and never recovered.

The maiden name of the deceased was Katherine Harmon. She was born in April, 1808, at Lancaster, Ohio, and was later married to George Kramer. She came to this city in 1864 with her husband who died about two years later. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive her. They are A. Kramer and Isaac Kramer of this city, and George Kramer of Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. Kramer has been a member of the United Brethren church for the past seventy years and has been connected with the local church of that denomination ever since she has lived in this city. She was one of the most prominent members and most faithful workers in the church. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the U. B. church. Rev. L. Fields and Rev. Spalding will conduct the services and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

**MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.**

**NEW YORK MARKET.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Butter, steady, creamy, 12c; eggs, weak, 13c; corn, May, 24c; V. and M., 25c; V. and M., 26c; V. and M., 27c.

**ST. LOUIS MARKET.**  
St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Wheat, steady; May 24c; corn, cash 20c; May, 21c; oats, cash 14c; May, 13c.

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Three trains of ice go daily from Havana to St. Louis.

The minstrel show at Champaign for the poor netted \$101.

Fred Hess of Urbana, is to be deputy for county Clerk Burt.

Another effort is to be made to found a G. A. R. memorial hall at Decatur.



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**TRAIN HELD UP.**

Robbers Board a Santa Fe Train in Arizona and Meet Resistance.

**ONE OF THE ROBBERS KILLED.**

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End—Greek Warships Active—Lively Times Expected in Crete—Merchant Tailors Meet.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 9.—The west bound Santa Fe train was held up by robbers last night near Peach Springs, Arizona. After taking a registered package from the mail car, the robbers turned their attention to the express car. Messenger Summers opened fire on them, shooting one robber dead. The other escaped with some registered packages.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End. Stamford, Conn., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Henry W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, will conduct the services and the remains will be taken to the old home of the deceased at Albion, N. Y. They will be accompanied by C. L. Griswold and Miss Carrie Griswold.

Athens, Feb. 9.—A Greek cruiser has started for Bodrum where the Musulmans occupy the Christian quarters and are plundering stores and houses. Three thousand Turkish troops have been concentrated at Bodrum in readiness to embark for Crete. But the steam navigation company refuses to transport them until their passage is paid. It is announced that the entire Greek fleet will be made ready for war.

Caused by Greek Agitators.

London, Feb. 9.—Private and official advises show the troubles in Crete are caused by the Greek agitators that Christians were the aggressors. The Greek government believing the end of the Ottoman empire near thinks the time opportune to carry out the long cherished desire to annex Crete. Public officials here and on the continent regard the situation as threatening the peace of whole Europe.

In the event of a collision between Turkey and Greece it is doubtful whether the agreement between the powers could be maintained. Papers are everywhere urging that pressure be put on Greece to prevent further aggression of Turkey. It is announced that Turkish warships left Constantinople for Crete and in spite of the advice of his ministers an ambassador the sultan favors the despatch of ships and repressing the trouble by force.

King George's Decree.

Athens, Feb. 9.—The official Gazette publishes a royal decree commanding all the available warships of Greece be put in readiness and ordering the immediate despatch of additional ships to Crete.

Merchant Tailors Exchange Meets.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—The merchant tailors exchange met in annual session today. The session was occupied in listening to the officers' annual reports and other routine business. The annual convention of the custom foremen's tailor association also began today. In connection with these conventions there is a public exhibition of garments including McKinley's inaugural suit.

**SAYS HIS WIFE IS UNBALANCED.**

Peter Bolton, Interviewed in Nashville, Tells of His Domestic Affairs.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—The Rev. Dr. Horace W. Bolton of Chicago, pastor of the South Park Avenue Methodist church, has been here for a week. Concerning the newspaper accounts of his departure from Chicago and of his wife's departure to South Bend, Ind., Dr. Bolton said yesterday:

"The matter is a delicate one for me to speak of, but, as these articles have been published, I am compelled to tell the truth. My wife has been mentally unbalanced since the death of our son and has labored under an hallucination that I was too attentive to other women. It was she herself who started this talk. Of course she is not responsible for it, and she has all the confidence in me when she is not depressed by this awful hallucination. She went to South Bend to undergo treatment in a hospital. I came south for my health. My wife, in those spells which she had, was jealous of me, that was all."

"While it is true that I have not resigned my charge in Chicago, I am contemplating doing so."

Dr. Bolton has been in correspondence with Bishop Merrill since going to Nashville and has a letter from him in which the bishop says the board of stewards, while not requesting him to do so, thinks it would be best, owing to the talk, if he would resign the Chicago pastorate.

Dr. Bolton preached in one of Nashville's leading Methodist churches on Sunday and will lecture this week to the Vanderbilt students. He says he may cut his southern visit short and go to his wife.

**UNEXAMPLED DARING OF TEXANS**

Lone Star Company Rescued Comrades from Executives.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 9.—A letter received here yesterday from a member of the Cuban junta at Artemisa, province of Pinar del Rio, tells of heroic actions Texan in the Cuban service performed a few days ago. The Texans in that section under Rivera are called the "Lone Star company," and are a terror to the Spaniards.

Two weeks ago the Texans had a sharp fight with a detachment of San Martin's dragoons and got the worst of it, ten men being killed and five captured. San Martin's officers were wild with glee over this and announced that the Texas would be shot two days afterward.

On the day of the execution the troops were paraded without the fort, and the prisoners were brought out and ranged up in line. When the Spaniards attempted to bind the Texans the latter threw off the handkerchiefs and demanded to be shot like man, in the heart. The Spaniards, after cursing them for barbaric Americans, gagged and blindfolded them and set them up with their backs facing their executioners. The firing party was drawn up, when there arose the wild cheers of 100 Texans as they came dashing upon the Spaniards, shooting right and left, and with their sharp macabre cutting down the prisoners, guards. The Spaniards were in such force and so near the large encampment at Las Mangas that no fear of any attempt at rescue had been entertained.

While some of the Texans dashed up and cut the bands of the prisoners the others rode at the firing party, cutting them down, and then a desperate struggle ensued. The two forces fought back and forth over the valley until the ground was almost lined with dead and wounded men. Finally, the savagery of the Texans' attack drove back the Spanish troops into their fortifications, and the Texans retired, taking their rescued comrades.

The Texans two hours later attacked Fort No. 21, a wooden block house on the trocha, and after an hour's fighting it was surrendered. After burning it they retreated.

The Cubans lost altogether over twenty-three men, while the Spanish loss is stated to be 100 to 150, besides the loss of the fort and two pieces of artillery spiked. Strange to say, although there were 800 Spanish troops within a mile of the battlefield, yet not a squadron stirred out of the camp until after the Texans had retreated.

WHAT MAJ. WARNER WILL GET

Missourians Understand He Will be Made First Assistant Secretary of Interior.

Hill (Rep.) denounced the senate for attempting to lay a trap to ensnare the Republican party. It was attempted to bring about the things which the Republican party voted down at the last election the free coinage of silver and the double standard of value. Referring to Senator Chandler he said the proposition was an effort to thrust on the incoming president, by a Republican senator who bitterly opposed his nomination, seconded by the chairman of the national Democratic committee. More than half of its opponents in the senate are Republicans while the free silver men who had worked to bring it to a vote for it. He continued: "The stilted phrases of the platform dictated by half mature thought in June should be read in the blazing light of the November victory."

Hill continuing said the wishes of the gold Democrats should be consulted. The planks of the St. Louis platform relating to Cuba and immigration are disregarded.

Why should congress rush to fulfill this plank. This is not the time, these are not the men, these are not the propositions the St. Louis platform contemplated.

The utterance on the money question had been modified by the subsequent

Chicago platform and the alliance of Republicans and gold Democrats. This government should not subject itself again to censure by calling another conference which foreign delegates would attend merely as a matter of courtesy. Any accomplishment must be by diplomatic negotiations with Great Britain.

No responsibility rested on this Democratic president to be called on to sign such a resolution.

The senate committee on naval affairs, decide to recommend that the secretary of the navy be authorized not to pay more than \$400 a ton for armor plate and that the appropriation of a million and a half be made to be used in the establishment of a plant in case the manufacturers refuse to accept this price.

Gov. Long Will be Secy of the Navy.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 9.—Ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts has just been formally tendered and has accepted the navy portfolio.

The news comes direct from the president-elect himself and it will be a surprise to a number of eastern men, who had begun to figure on the place through a belief it was still being held open. The acceptance came a few hours after the tender and the tender was made it is said within the last twenty-four hours. This leaves but two more cabinet places to fill.

A few weeks ago ex-Governor Long's prospects of getting the cabinet appointment were a great deal brighter, according to belief here, than they were within the last few days. The truth was the ex-governor had received a hint that he was likely to get the appointment, and he was too discreet to make an announcement till he was certain of the place.

The appointment of Congressman Wilson to the place has been strongly urged, because of his popularity with the various New York factions. The appointment of

**BANKER MAY DEAD.**

His Death Recalls the Story of Losses by the Bank of London on His Account.

London, Feb. 9.—Sylvester Scovel, Spanish Minister, says citizenship will not help him.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Sylvester Scovel, of Cleveland, the Cuban war correspondent, is in serious danger. The state department did not learn until late yesterday afternoon his real situation. A confidential messenger called at the department and delivered a note about Scovel from the Spanish minister. Senor Du Bois, the first secretary of the legation, said last night the minister was convinced that Scovel could not claim immunity from punishment by the Spanish authorities on account of American citizenship, as he had forfeited his citizenship by joining the insurgent army. It was not claimed that Scovel was actually in arms against Spain at the time of his arrest but it was claimed that about a year and a half ago he joined the insurgents and had fought against Spain. Since that time the Spanish authorities have been endeavoring to capture him, and now that they have him they propose to punish him.

In support of his statement that Scovel

forfeited his right to be considered an American citizen by joining the insurgent forces, Minister De Lome cited Wharton and other recognized authorities

on international law, and maintained that the Spanish government had the same right to punish him as it had to

punish any native Cuban who had taken up arms against Spain.

Minister De Lome informed Secretary Olney that he had notified General Weyler to hold Scovel at all hazards, and had cabled his home government upon the subject. Secretary Olney declined to make any statement about the case, even when informed that a statement had been obtained from the Spanish legation. Unless powerful influence is brought to bear upon Spain in his favor it is likely to go very hard with him.

Lee Interceded.

Havana, Feb. 9.—Consul General Lee visited General Ahumada, acting captain general during the absence of General Weyler, yesterday afternoon, on behalf of Sylvester Scovel, the war correspondent of the New York World, recently arrested by Spanish guerrillas near Tunas, in the southern part of the province of Santa Clara. General Ahumada, referring to the case, said that Scovel had been transferred to Sancti Spiritus. He announced that Scovel had been turned over to the civil authorities, and that he would be tried according to the treaty between the United States and Spain. General Ahumada also stated that he is now investigating the matter.

Bible for McKinley.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 9.—Bishop Arnett of the African Methodist Episcopal church, was in Pittsburgh last evening en route to Washington to arrange for the entertainment of the members of the committee appointed to present to Major McKinley a bible for use in the inaugural ceremonies.

"The bible upon which Major William

McKinley will take his oath of office on the 4th of March as the president of the United States will be a very fine and elegant volume," said the bishop. "The book will be donated to Major McKinley for this purpose as the gift of the African Methodist Episcopal church. It is now being printed in Cincinnati by the Methodist Book Publishing house. It will be handsomely bound and lined front and back with silk, with a suitable dedicatory inscription on the inside. On the outside there will be a beautiful gold plate in the form of a shield, on which the name of the president, the date, the name of the donors, etc., will be handsomely engraved. The bible will be inclosed in a handsome box made of native Ohio wood and gold mounted.

The news of the progress that is being made on the tariff bill in aid of the improvement of the navigable channels of the south pass, Mississippi river, by closing the trevasses in Pas Guxte. It then went into executive session on the general arbitration treaty. The house on a rising vote adopted the conference report on the immigration bill 162 to 14. The yeas and nays were ordered, resulting, yeas 217; nays, 33.

CONFEDERATE COMMITTEES.

Representative Hill's Plain Words as to an International Monetary Conference—A Move to Put the Government in Armor Plate Business.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house committee on coinage today discussed the resolutions before introduced touching the international monetary conference.

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Republican party. It was attempted to bring about the things which the

Senate had been unable to do.

Secretary Olney declined to make any statement about the case, even when informed that a statement had been obtained from the Spanish legation.

Senator Sherman has announced his intention to endeavor to get the senate to take up the arbitration treaty for consideration at once, but there are several reasons which make it doubtful whether the senate will do this.

Speaker Reed and other Republican leaders of the house having convinced the senators who have advocated the Nicaragua canal bill that the bill would not even be considered by the house at this session, no matter whether the senate passed it or not, those gentlemen have decided to drop the canal bill and allow it to join the great aggregation of legislative might-be-beans.

A joint resolution, urging the the Illinois delegation in congress to work for

the recognition of the belligerents rights

of the Cubans was introduced and laid over.

Crawford presented a petition from

the judges of the superior court of Cook

county asking for the repeal of the mechane's lion law on the theory that no

one was wise enough to understand it.

Also one from the Chicago bar to the

same effect. Adjourned.

NOT ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The amendments

## ELLEN OSBORN'S LETTER.

Midwinter Novelties Which Modistes of Paris Prescribe.

New Hints for New Clothes—Evening Dress, Street Dress, House Dress, After the Latest Modes—A Wrinkle in Sleeves.

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Paris.—After a few days in Paris I begin to get used to the imperative. Elsewhere it is, "would you not like?" Here it is, "You must have." The superiority of French taste has been conceded so long that Parisian dressmakers have become autocratic, and if one of their decesses does not begin "it is necessary" the only variation to be expected is a polite circumlocution for "you ought" or "you should." I am having "vous avez besoin d'avoir"—rattled off at me so often and so glibly that I feel the need of passing it along, therefore you have need of a velvet dress for beginning.

"I insist," borrowing my phraseology from the sources above mentioned, upon velvet. Black is good, dark blue is good, brown is better, dark green is best of all. "You should" line such a dress with white silk or pale blue, yellow or water green. You should show the lining as you lift it, and, that it may please upon exhibition, you must have unlimited frills inside the hem. With a skirt of this order "it is necessary" that you wear a silk blouse matching



A GROUP OF MIDWINTER MODELS.

It is color. Over the blouse there must come a bolero of some delicate, light-colored velvet, preferably of the same tint as the skirt lining. This bolero requires embroidery in gold and jewels, You need a black satin corsage, and some dainty finish of white or cream-colored lace at the throat, and then your visiting or reception costume is "commence il faut," as it is necessary.

I cannot talk back to military greatness but I can ape the manners of my betters and play the despot in my turn. You are required, if you care to show yourself well abreast of the fashions, to wear your bodice trimmings high up on the shoulders. Patches of ribbon or velvet, and large ribbon bows stand erect. They are wired if they refuse to do so, for they must not flare at the sides. You will show your understanding of the situation if you have an evening bodice with a high wired collar from the shoulders, but this is not obligatory.

You must be quick to catch the new lines of the sleeve. To gather it in at the shoulder without any rise to it, let it hang almost in a bag to the elbow, then tighten it gradually and not with any pinching exactness to the wrist and let it flare broadly over the hand, is the mode for next spring. Look at pictures of 1810, of the decade that Conan Doyle writes of in his newest book, if you need a more detailed description. There is less fullness and more droop at the shoulders, a looser cut and with more curve and flexibility from elbow to wrist and a more daring outburst at the wrist than you get in the experimental, transitional sleeve of today.

Every bodice, jacket and cloak has a most enormously high collar of lace or chiffon; or if the collar is of silk or velvet, it is cloven, so that lace or chiffon can be introduced between.

The sacque-back coat continues the favorite model in cloth or fur. It is better called a whole-back coat, for this better expresses what is really meant, that it has no seam in the back at all. Sometimes the front hangs straight down, but for this there is only silent permission, not approval. One box plait on either side of the front is according to the letter of the law and gives a much better figure. Great numbers of bodices have these box plaits in front, coming below the waist, and they are becoming more and more the smiled upon design.

For every evening bodice you must be prepared to squander material enough for two, the drapings are becoming so intricate. It is now quite according to rule to combine, sometimes one might better say piece together, four designs having the two fronts different each from each and from the two backs, which claim the same privilege. It is not easy to do this and achieve harmony, and perhaps that is why she who must be obeyed thinks it worth trying.

Madame Paris, otherwise "she," sticks to broad corslets back and front, but has at the same time a weakness for extremely narrow metal belts studded with jewels.

There are no changes in skirts that are at all startling. The safest model at present is gathered on a thick cord about the hips, so as to throw the fullness behind. It is moderately full at the foot and far more becoming than those of yesterday which stood out somberly at the sides.

You can make no mistake in using a high broiderie as possible. It is

according to rule at the moment to have lapels, epaulets, collars and cuffs of a light shade contrasting with the dress and on these to display black broiderie in vermicelli or much involved arabesque patterns. Neither can you err, if you desire a sleek of ground length, in getting one of redingote style. This shows that you fully appreciate the subsidence of skirt and sleeve. There are not many new materials, but a new idea in materials is exemplified in a very pretty evening dress just finished to figure at the court of Spain.

A robe of black net glinting with gold and jewels is lined with pink chiffon, and this again is cleverly draped in the loose empire style over a princess gown of black satin. A very short black satin bolero is lined with pink and edged with sequin lace; it is so cut as to meet on either side the opposite points of the fan-shaped epaulets in fluted and wired net that spring from the shoulders. Garlands of pink leafless roses cover the short sleeves and outline the square opening of the bodice. A few blossoms are strewn on the skirt draperies. There is a bertha of finely plaited net sprinkled with rose petals and pearls.

Another evening dress that seems to me among the best now on exhibition is of a very delicate old rose brocade, one of the smartest colors of the season. At one side of the skirt is a panel edged with gold and jeweled passementerie and tied across with straps and bows of old rose ribbon. The same pas-

## POETICAL GEMS.

*The Kettle.*  
Oh, I am a kettle, a kettle am I!  
I never shall strive to deny it.  
There's nothing about me that's sneaking  
or sly;  
Deception, I never shall try it.  
Bubble, I say! and bubble, I say!  
Some folks may not like it, but that is my  
way  
I mind my own business and give no  
trouble;  
Bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bub-  
ble!

They say I am black; I admit it is true:  
A respectable tint, and I love it;  
I never, never, never said it to be blue;  
Bubble, I say! and bubble, I say!  
I'm ready to talk any time of the day.  
Hear on the coals, and my song I will  
double;  
Bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bub-  
ble!

—Laura E. Richards, in St. Nicholas.

## Life's Mirror.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits  
brave.  
There are souls that are pure and true!  
Then give to the world the best you have  
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,  
A strength in your utmost need;  
Give faith, and a score of hearts will show  
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gifts will be paid in  
kind.  
And honor will honor meet,  
And a smile that is sweet will surely find  
A smile that is just as sweet!

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn;  
You will gather in flowers again.  
The scattered seeds from your thought  
outborn;

Though the sowing seemed but vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,  
Tis just what we are, and do.  
Then give to the world the best you have  
And the best will come back to you.

—Madeline S. Bridges, in Demorest's Magazine.

## Along with Her.

Why, yes, it's odd and childish that I wish  
You'd send me back when I last am  
dead;

But seems I'd rest much better 'neath the  
swish  
Of some plain rosebush planted at my  
head.

I'd be remembered by my friends awhile,  
Who'd come thence from the distant vil-  
lage stir;

And then she'd smile to know—if spirits  
smile.

I'm resting there along with her.

For nearly fifty years through the long  
days

We went together, hand in hand, you  
knew,

Saw the sun rise in its triumphant blaze,  
Saw the sun set in its resplendent glow.

So let me rest, when this spent form fits  
its bed.

When birds fly by with pathetic whir,  
Sleeping with some old rosebush at my  
head—

Waking at last along with her.

—Nashville American.

## Common Joys.

Our common joys, O what are they?  
The brightest, and the best;

They clad us in our bus-walks,

Are with us when we're least,

An angel band, they hover round,

In waking and in dream,

And o'er our hearts in saddest hours

They shed a golden beam.

Our common joys, O what are they?

Our blessed joys, O what are they?

One world of goodness done

And a world of sin?

The wife we give the child of want,

The slightest word of cheer

That lifts a heart with sorrow bowed,

Or drives a falling tear.

Our common joys, O what are they?

The precious, sturdy, and bold,

Whom many eyes upon the heart

When life is growing old,

The thought that we have treasured up—

Where naught can steal away—

The consciousness of doing good

With every passing day.

—C. D. Stuart, in N. Y. Ledger.

## A Love Spell.

A young lady who sings in our choir

Whose hair is the color of polo,

But her charm is unique,

She has such a fair chique,

It is really a joy to hear.

Whenever she looks down the aisle

She gives me a beautiful smatthe,

And of all of her beauts,

I am certain she sheans.

She likes me the best all the while.

Last Sunday she wore a new saucie,

Low-cut at the front and the bacque,

And a lovely bouquet.

Worn in such a cute vuot.

As only few girls have the knaeque.

Some day, ore she grows too antique,

If married to her hand I shall sique,

If she's not a coquette,

Which I'd greatly regrette,

She shall share my six dollars a queque.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.

## Easy All.

"Easy all!" rings out the order,

And the muscles cease to strain,

And the swing of cars in rowlocks

Stops its rhythymical refrain,

And the sinking heart beats freely,

And the spent breath comes again.

"Easy all!" Oh, joyous mandate

To the strengtheners, on Life's flood,

Be it a passing rempte.

For the brain, and strength, and blood,

Though far distant be the guerdon:

Fame, or wealth, or livelihood!

When the summer sunshine brightens

Ortiz street and Sutton wallin,

From the strips of azure heaven,

Seems to come the kindly call:

"Rest awhile, ye weary toilers,

Drop your ears and easy all!"

—Pall Mall Gazette.

## The Vale Illustr.

There lies so near us, close at hand,

A vale illustr., spirit land;

'Tis bridged by silence, 'cross which roll,

The noiseless chariots of the soul.

We touch its bounds with muffled tread,

And lay within its bourns our dead,

And wait with bated breath to hear

Some echo faint from out its sphere.

But silence seems to mock our sights,

Since speechless couriers of the skies,

Invisible, receive our blest

And bear their spirits into rest.

While sense and reason wait in gloom,

Faith tarries at Emmanuel's tomb,

And sees its hopes triumphant rise

From out death's silence toward the skies

—L. Mench Chambers, in N. Y. Observer.

## If He Should Get His Wish.

The poet sings in measures sweet,

With touch of memory's woe,

How much he longs once more to greet

The girl of long ago.

But, ten to one, if fate should bring

Them face to face again,

He'd shun up to his daughter, for

That is the way with men.

—Chicago Record.

## A Rare Bird.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush,

Though gorgeous their plumage and re-

gal;

But, instead of an oriole, robin or thrush,

Let that bird be a bright, golden eagle.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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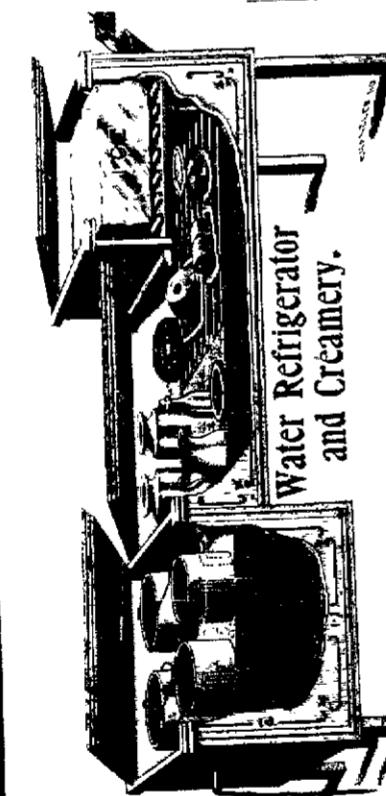
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## LOCAL NEWS.

N. W. Woodford has been assisting in the special meetings at Blue Mound.

Charles Winkler, found yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Holmes, was returned today to the insane hospital at Kankakee.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town, mch 25-dft

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct 24th

Ladies' felt slippers, 50¢ at Follett & Hardy's.—26-d&wft

As usual one of the boxes at the Grand last night was occupied by a solitary gentleman.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a.m.

An innovation at the Grand is the sale of candies and chewing gum between acts, a polite young gent being ready to serve all who care to buy.

Little Diana cigar: business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chouteau's News House.—14-dft

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Judge Hammer had Charles Schilling, a tramp, before him for carrying a concealed weapon. He plead guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture. For sale by the Cerrodonie Co., 21 Syndicate block. Jan 16-dft

Secretary Thrift was quite busy at the court house this forenoon taking entries for the institute exhibit. Corn came in rapidly in bushel lots.

L. C. Hayes is at Champaign making preparations to start a carpet cleaning establishment. He will be ready for business there by March 1.

The members of the board of directors of the Woman's Exchange will hold a meeting tomorrow morning at the home of Mrs. A. T. Hill on West Prairie avenue.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Ida Culp, the old reliable seedman. Fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wft

The members of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will meet tonight at A. T. Grist's barber shop to elect officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Grist has been captain for two years.

Charles B. Grist, who has a barber shop on North Water street, has vacated his home on South Broadway and rented a dwelling for his family near his place of business.

Edward Elmer plays "Don Jose" to Rosabel Morrison's "Carmen." He is one of the few young manly looking actors now before the public who has not been taken with the "starring fever." As the manly "Jose" he gives Miss Morrison's "Carmen" excellent support.

Rev. Henry Linn, who assisted Pastor Howe in the revival services at the First Methodist church, which closed Sunday night, was remembered in a most substantial way by the young people of the organization. They presented him with a purse of \$25 in gold coins.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Y. M. C. A. will give a reception to the members of the young people's societies of the churches in the city Tuesday night, Feb. 23. The reception will be given at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. There will be a musical program and light refreshments will be served.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 438, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dft

## DYEING AND FINE DRY CLEANING

We will do dyeing and fine dry cleaning at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Now is the time to have your suits of clothes or overcoats dyed, cleaned and pressed by first-class, practical dyers and dry cleaners. You get the best work done in the city at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Another Reader Takes a Whack at the Library Question.

Eds. Republican: Our attention has been called to articles in recent issues of your paper signed "Taxpayer" and "Indignant Citizen." It is really amusing to hear these "dogs bark" at each other. One would think from the tone of the articles that "Taxpayer" was in business on one of the corners of West Main and Water, and that "I. C." had designs on business rooms near North Main and William. Their arguments are convincing. When we read one we are sure the Powers room is the only place for the library, while a perusal of the other article immediately impels us to pack the stuff back to the Roberts & Greene abode. What do these articles mean? Nothing simply nothing. These persons just want to see their personal ideas in print.

The library board is composed of our purest and best citizens, put in that board for the very identical thing they have just completed—that if present quarters can be bettered—move. They have voted to move. They are citizens whose objects, honesty of purpose, etc., cannot be questioned, and we would be willing to back them against an army of "Indignant Citizens."

The board says they consider the matter settled, so the disgruntled and disappointed "I. C." should not occupy valuable newspaper space in giving vent to their feelings to the public. The present location was all right, but now comes under the head of "a lost cause," so be decent about it, gentlemen; don't quarrel; take matters easy. Don't boycott the Water street merchants because Mr. Powers was fortunate enough to secure a first-class tenant for his building. He deserves it. It's a pretty building. We like to look at it. In fact, we've often wished it was ours, then we could have a deeper interest in the library (after it moved in).

Now, Mr. Editors, we won't occupy any more of your valuable space, at present.

Let's all be satisfied with things as they are, and thank our lucky stars that we have such a magnificent library to move.

With one more appeal for peace and quiet, we stop for the present.

R. Pluribus Unum.

## A FALSE REPORT.

Story Connecting Agent Webb with the Carter Affairs a Romance.

A Decatur paper Sunday morning had a yarn about the probable indictment of Wabash Station Agent Webb at Bement for the murder of Charles Carter in October, 1894. It was a romance with no foundation for the accusation. Mr. Webb was not indicted. He has not been indicted and is still on duty at Bement for the Wabash. This will be gratifying news to the business and other friends of Mr. Webb in Decatur.

It will be recalled that in October, 1894, Carter and his wife lived in Decatur. Carter's wife was in Danville visiting friends, and Carter started to Danville to meet and accompany her home.

It was supposed that he started to walk to Danville and was murdered and robbed by tramps. His wife came home a few days later and read a description of an unknown man found dead near Bement. The description was that of her husband.

The body was disinterred and positively identified. Since then there has been some talk to the effect that Carter might have been beating his way on the train and that his death was caused by being thrown off the train by tramps.

The Last Stevenson Romance.

Among the several works left by Robert Louis Stevenson unpublished at his death, undoubtedly the one of completest and widest interest is a romance entitled "St. Ives."

Unlike "Wier of Hermitage," the only other novel left by Stevenson unpublished, "St. Ives" was left all but complete; and it is, those say who have read it, a straight-away, honest tale of adventure, related in Stevenson's most spirited and charming vein. It is a love story, and records, in particular, the exploits of a very cool, audacious, attractive French soldier who becomes a prisoner of war in Edinburgh Castle. The exclusive right of serial publication of "St. Ives" for America, was purchased soon after Stevenson's death by McClure's Magazine, and the publication will begin in the March number of that periodical.

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## A Close Struggle.

It was a close contest between Judge Bookwalter and Judge Thompson for the delegates to the judicial convention from Vermillion county. There were 1475 votes cast. Thompson received 701; Bookwalter, 711.

## \$2.00.

For the above price we will sell the finest shoes for ladies to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Fath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign of the old cobbler.—26-d&wft

## Performed an Operation.

Yesterday Dr. A. M. Drew performed an operation on Z. Black for the removal of an abnormal growth in the throat. The operation proved successful.

## Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. F. & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds at Fancer & Leibman Co.'s.—Jan 1.

The district convention of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at Mattoon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those who will attend from this city are Secretary N. W. Woodford, C. C. Barnard, W. W. Dawson, J. L. Deck, J. M. Fisher, W. R. Funk.

## Social.

Mrs. Mary and Elizabeth Mathews entertained a number of friends last night. The guest of honor was Miss Delta Wilbom of Zanesville, Ohio, who is visiting them.

Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. Leo Heilbrun will give a card party at her home where she will entertain friends in honor of Mrs. Jacob Malenthal.

Conrad Bleuz entertained a number of friends Saturday night at his home on North Calhoun street. Refreshments were served and music was furnished by the B. B. string band, composed of Fred Jones, H. O. Hall, O. Lowe, and J. Bancker. The guests were E. Hess, C. Lucas, H. Lowe, A. Dozier, C. Keek, O. Steadman, B. Wilkinson, and J. Long.

## List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite U. S. patent office, Washington, D. C.: ■

C. S. Booth, Camp Point, typewriting machine; F. M. Elliott, Aurora, insulator; F. H. Hindey, Batavia, seal lock; A. Lindgren, Moline, disk harrow; F. Meyer, Peoria, furnace; W. D. Smith, Prophets town, marking tag for rolled goods; J. Stone, Aurora, corset; J. D. Tracey, Sterling, stalk or fodder cutting machine; J. R. Tucker, Aurora, electric meter; J. S. Williams, Jerseyville, wire crimping and fastening pliers.

## Funeral of Miss Close.

The funeral of the late Miss J. Carrie Close was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Griswold residence at the corner of West Main and South Edward streets. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Miller of the Congregational church.

The pall bearers were four nephews of the deceased, C. L. Griswold, James, Richard C. and William T. Roberts. The remains were taken at 11:30 o'clock this morning to Albion, N. Y., for burial. The body was accompanied by C. L. Griswold and Miss Caroline Griswold.

## A Good Show.

The Hoyt "A Temperance Town" comedy at the Grand last night drew a large audience. It was a funny play by funny people, with Richards and Canfield in the lead. All were pleased with the performance.

## All About Electricity.

The Y. M. C. A. is pleased to call attention to the lecture on electricity, illustrated by experiments by Prof. Louis Favre.

The many practical applications of this force in recent years in connection with ocean cables, electric lights, telephones, motors, electrocution, and innumerable others, has aroused a wide-spread interest in this subject. This, with the immense possibilities of electricity in the near future as applied to railroads, transmission of power, aerial navigation, etc., has created a desire on the part of the general public to know something of, and to understand the workings of this mysterious force.

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## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Generally cloudy to-night and Wednesday; probably rain or snow; Wednesday, winds shifting to southeast.

Mark Hanna does not seem to take kindly to the postmaster generalship, preferring it is thought to make a fight for the senatorship.

Free Trader Wilson will soon be out of a job. Well he has been the means of throwing several million American workmen out of their jobs and will only be a drop in the great ocean of idleness which came on account of his free trade notions.

Our exports to foreign countries for 1894-1895 under the Wilson act were 200 million dollars less than for 1892 and 1893 under the McKinley law in spite of the statement of the free traders that a Democratic tariff would enlarge our foreign market.

The rottenest absurdity in the form of a tariff ever put upon the statute books is the Wilson tariff act and yet we know some people who think the tariff should be let alone. People who talk that way either lack a knowledge of the effects of the law or lack patriotism.

"Four years more of Grover and then we'll be in clover" was the cry of the free trader in 1892. Well, there are only 22 more days of Grover and it is proper to inquire "Where is the clover?" Most of us have been living on straw and have barely enough to last the other 22 days.

Like the dog of the fable who with a bone in his mouth saw his image in the water and jumped after the other bone, lost his bone and came out of the water a wet shivering disappointed dog, the American people were deceived by the false presentations of a low tariff and low tariff taxes and jumped after them when they were revelling in prosperity. The result was—well everybody, even those who imagined the tariff had nothing to do with them know what happened and explanations are not necessary.

There were plenty of men who were ready to shout in 1892 that a tariff had nothing to do with employment and wages. There are few who are reckless enough to say that now but plenty of them took up an equally ridiculous fallacy, namely, that the way to make work plenty is to cut the dollar in two. Perhaps the country will always have a lot of voters who will follow foolish vagaries like these rather than study these questions from a practical business standpoint, and it should be remembered that such voters are always dangerous to the best welfare of themselves and their families.

The Daily Argus of Bradford, England, says: "Thanks to the superiority of the products of local looms our United States trade is a large one. The prosperity of this district depends greatly upon it, and any sudden dislocation such as a prohibition tariff—and a higher tariff than the present is certain—would produce, must have disastrous effects here." Well here it is again. According to Grover Cleveland the United States should apply the golden rule to Bradford but the Republican party being for protection to American industries will apply the golden rule to the United States and help our own people instead of the people of Bradford. Another lesson to be drawn from this is that if a protective tariff would injure Bradford it would benefit the United States.

## A Lesson to Labor.

American Economist: A dispatch from California a short time since reported that a body of workmen in that state had taken some Japanese workmen and had strung them up to trees, nearly strangling them. When cut down, they were told to "get out" or worse would follow. The reason for this was that the Japs worked so cheaply that the other workmen could not compete against them. There is probably not a workman in this country who does not consider it a tremendous evil and a direct injury to him that foreign workmen come here who are willing to work for starvation wages, and who, by so doing, are the means of cutting down wages. The object of the contract labor law was to lessen this evil, and it has lessened it to a certain extent. Immigrants come here of their own accord and without special inducement come for the purpose of bettering their condition, of getting better wages, and they are not willing to work for the wages they get at home. There is not a workman in the country who would fight the repeal of the contract labor law; there is not a citizen who would dare openly to urge its repeal. And yet thousands upon thousands of workmen are willing that we should hire these foreigners in their own country at their proper wages to do our work.

There is no difference between bringing over foreign workmen by contract to work in this country at their home wages and contracting to bring over and import free into this country the goods produced at their homes by those workmen at their pauper wages; except that in the former case the little pittance which those workmen earned would be spent in this country while in the latter case—I. e. under free trade—it would be spent in their own countries. The intelligent workmen of the country are fast coming to realize this vital truth. The cause of free-trade is on the down grade.

Alcohol in the Arts. The following press dispatch dated at Washington, D. C., recently appeared in all the newspapers that use the news service that sent it out:

A large amount of testimony has been taken by Senator Platt's special committee charged with the investigation of the question of the rebate of the internal revenue tax on alcohol used in the arts, and some important information has just come to the attention of the committee. It has been learned that a movement is on foot in France to abolish the tax on alcohol for all uses except alcoholic beverages. France is moved to this by the effect of the liberal laws of Germany, which have resulted in an enormous increase of her commerce in articles in which alcohol is a factor.

In addition to this, it has been represented to members of the committee that if the use of alcohol in the arts were as large, in proportion to the entire consumption of distilled spirits, in this country as in Germany, it would increase this consumption in the United States from 30,000,000 gallons to 100,000,000 gallons. This would, members of the committee say, make a market for \$0,000,000 bushels more of corn than can now be sold.

These members of the committee who favor this free alcohol claim that, as the United States has twice as many people as Germany, and as their consuming power is much greater per capita, this 30,000,000 bushels of corn would, under the untaught law, be used, and cause the amount to be doubled.

It is now believed that a report favorable to free alcohol in the arts and sciences will be made to the senate in connection with the new tariff bill, or as an independent measure, perhaps.

This, it will be observed, relates to the internal revenue tax on alcohol used in the arts. It is not necessary to argue that the internal revenue tax on alcohol is due to the fact that it is used as a beverage. Everybody knows this. But it is not so generally known what an enormous quantity of alcohol is used in the arts, every gallon of which has been paying the same tax that the gallon pays when used as a beverage, namely \$1.10.

This surely is an unjust and unreasonable burden upon all who use alcohol for any other purpose than as a beverage and ought to be removed in the coming tariff bill. But it is argued that this discrimination could not be made without opening the way for frauds on the revenue. That this would be the tendency there is no doubt, but that it could not be prevented would be to confess our weakness in the administration of law. Germany has freed from tax the alcohol used in the arts and manages to prevent gross frauds on the revenue in collecting the tax on alcohol as a beverage. And Germany has been well paid for her trouble, for she has enormously increased her exports to manufacturers into which alcohol enters. What Germany has done we can do also and more, because we produce a widerness of corn, from which alcohol is made, and if alcohol were free from this unjust burden, where it enters into the arts, the increase in its use which would result from that policy, would mean the consumption of millions of bushels more of corn than can now be sold.

Oreana. Mrs. Martha Brown has returned to Decatur and will make her home with her son, W. E. Brown.

Howard Morrison of Roberts, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. Emma Malone visited in Decatur last week.

G. W. Hall of Decatur, visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Cora Bullock was the guest of Misses Mann and Alice Strope Sunday.

Miss Jessie Bower of Argenta visited Alice Turpin Sunday.

Mrs. S. Smetters of Decatur, visited her daughter, Mrs. Charles James, this week.

D. M. Reed of Decatur, was here on business this week.

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## CATS WITHOUT TAILS.

Their Home Is in the Isle of Man, Near the English Coast.

At first glance you might call it a rabbit or a kangaroo's little cousin; but it is really a cat, even if it hasn't any tail.

Its home is in the Isle of Man, south of England, and for that reason it is called a Manx cat. A few of the kind have been brought to this country, but they do not thrive very well outside of their native land.

To one accustomed to an ordinary cat the Manx cat appears very unfinished and incomplete, its tail being a mere brush of hair hardly as large as a rabbit's tail.

It is much bigger and stronger than the common "pussey," and it has a roundish head, with fuller, deeper eyes. Its hair also is coarser and thicker, often a yellow or buff, and its hind legs are longer and of greater strength than the others. And its claws—one touch of them is enough, for they are long and sharp, and when fighting the Manx cat drives them deep into the flesh of its enemy. It is astonishingly swift in its movement and like its wilder brother, the wildcat, it knows no fear. For catching rats and mice, rabbits, birds and other small game no animal equals it.

Although the Manx cat lives in and around the homes of mankind, it is not so gentle and easily tamed as an independent measure, perhaps.

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The soil of the Isle of Man is very damp, and the air, also, is full of moisture, and the early cats in sitting on their lambs acquired some disease of the tail, so scientists think, and gradually the tail disappeared entirely.

The Manx cat is not the only tailless cat. In Siam and Burmah there is seen with a tail only half the ordinary length and curled up in a knot like a pig's tail, and in the Crimea there lives a race of cats entirely without tails and having the general appearance of Manx cats. Chicago Record.

## The Skipper Was a Rat.

The London Field tells this story: "A rat was caught alive on board a British naval vessel in a trap, and the beast was thrown from the trap into the water without being killed. A large gull that was following in the wake of the ship to pick up scraps of food thrown overboard by the steward, stopped several times, endeavoring to pick the rat up. Once the gull got too close to the rat's jaws and the beast grabbed it by the neck. After a short fight the rat succeeded in killing the bird. When the gull was dead the rat scrabbled upon the bird's body, and, hoisting one wing as a sail, and using the other as a rudder, succeeded in steering for the shore. Whether the rat reached shore or not is a question, since the ship soon got out of sight of the skipper and its craft."

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One Good Reason.

Bettie Witless—Why does that little boy always go barefooted?

Sallie Knowall—Why, because he has more feet than shoes.—Harper's Round Table.

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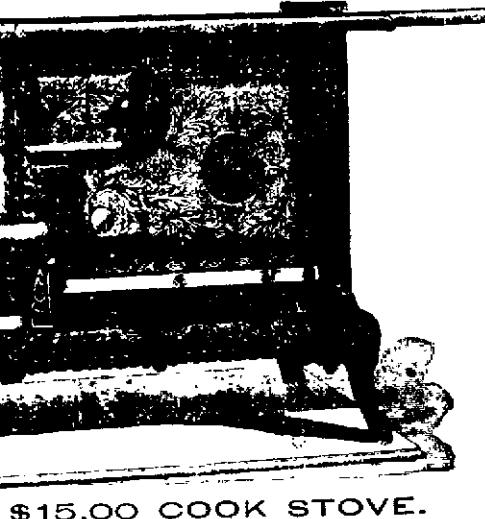
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### IT WOULD BE MET.

Port of Entry Are Well Guarded  
Against the Eastern Plague.  
Surgeon-General Walter Wyman and His  
System of Inspection—The New York  
Quarantine Station—No Fear  
of Danger.

[Copyright, 1897.]  
In spite of the repeated  
claims of the authorities of any such  
attack, that the awful bubonic  
plague would reach America's shores  
and that its attacks be met? What  
means are at hand to repel the inva-

sion? New York being the largest port of  
entry in America, it is there that the  
most elaborate and expensive defense  
will be made, and undoubtedly  
that port possesses the most efficient  
and thoroughly organized quarantine  
service in the world. It was that quar-  
antine service which beat back the on-  
set of the cholera germs in 1852, when  
Hamburg and the European  
cities suffered so severely, and although  
the precautions then taken to prevent  
the dissemination of the disease during  
quarantine were relaxed as soon as  
the danger was over, the organization  
was still intact, and notice of a day or  
two would be sufficient to set it all in  
gear again.

The New York quarantine is a state  
institution. Its headquarters are at  
the Wadsworth on Staten Island,  
but the state owns a tract upon  
which stands houses for employees, and  
a large building, and there  
is a lack for funding. Besides the  
Staten Island establishment, there are  
two small islands in the lower bay,  
where persons suspected of  
being infected are detained till all  
danger is thought to be over; and Swin-  
ton, where those actually ill are  
detained.

A lower quarantine, which was used  
when there was fear of the yellow  
fever from southern ports, and con-  
sisted of an anchored hull, was given  
up five years ago. It could be re-  
established, however, at a moment's  
notice. Five Island, the patch of ground  
that sticks its head above the waves  
at the south coast of Long Island, and

the national quarantine is in the control of the treasury department, and its immediate administration is in charge of the marine hospital service, the surgeon-general of which, Dr. Walter Wyman, is the chief official. Organization is at present maintained only at those ports of entry not protected by state organizations. These are Brunswick, Ga.; Delaware breakwater, Port Townsend, Ore.; San Diego and San Francisco, Cal.; Southport, S. C.; Washington, N. C., and Dry Tortugas, Fla. At each of these ports Surgeon-General Wyman has inspectors who examine all entering vessels and report to him. The surgeon-general is empowered to send government inspectors to any state quarantine station where there is reason to fear the work is not properly done, and if necessary, to establish another quarantine at that port. The law also gives the surgeon-general power to send inspectors to foreign ports from which infection could come and to inspect cargo and passengers in the interest of the health of this country. This provision of the law has not yet been put in operation, and probably will not be until some definite cause from real alarm shall arise.

Dr. Doty, the present health officer of the port of New York, does not express any fear that danger will arise from the bubonic plague now raging in India, but he is taking many precautions all the same. Much of his time recently has been taken experimenting with new plans for disinfection. Former Port Health Officer Jenkins agrees with Dr. Doty that there is as yet no real cause for alarm. He believes the bubonic plague to be infectious and not contagious.

"I am of the opinion," he said when questioned, "that the vitality of the plague germs would die out before they reached this country, even if they were to get started on a voyage hither. Dr. Koch told me two years ago that he was sure Germany was forever safe from black death."

"With regard to quarantining the ports of this country," he went on, "I must say that I am prejudiced in favor of the state and not the national system. The New York city board of health trains from 25 to 50 young men every year to handle infectious dis-

ease, and has at least 200 men under  
immediate control at all times. This  
is a much larger number than the marine  
hospital service will have at its  
command, as things go now, in ten  
years."

In 1892 the government sent a man to  
oversee Dr. Jenkins, but nothing was  
done to change his methods. It was  
Dr. Jenkins, who discovered the cholera  
at Hamburg. He was working at pretty  
long range, but by tracing the course  
of the disease through Germany, he  
was able to say with certainty that the  
disease must exist in Hamburg, and so  
notified the authorities there. They de-  
clared that it did not, but at last, by in-  
tervention of the state, authorities at  
Washington were induced to make  
close investigations, which proved the  
suspicions of Dr. Jenkins to be correct.

The doctor sent a man to Hamburg to  
study the situation, but because of some  
trouble with the United States consul,  
the German government failed to allow  
the man to do much. Dr. Jenkins

criticizes the provisions of the national  
quarantine law, for sending men to  
foreign ports, and believes that each  
United States consul should have power  
to appoint a local medical examiner  
who shall make regular reports as to  
the health of the town. From these  
reports the state department at  
Washington could be kept constantly

informed of the health of the islands in the lower bay, which  
are kept busy by the state in  
the housing of passengers de-  
tained at the height of the cholera  
epidemic of that year, has been sold.

Exclusive of the force employed on  
the islands in the lower bay, which  
is, according to circumstances,  
about 20 men are kept busy by the  
New York quarantine board. At the  
head is the health officer of the port,  
who is an appointee of the governor.  
The health officer appoints two depu-  
ties to aid him. At all times every ves-  
sel arriving is boarded by the doctor, or  
one of his assistants, to whom a clean  
list of the crew must be submitted before  
the ship can proceed on its way up the  
harbor. Every case of sickness re-  
ported is rigorously inquired into, and  
all steerage passengers are carefully  
examined. Cabin passengers not suf-  
fering from any illness are not examined  
by the doctor, nor is the cargo of  
any ship from a suspected port examined.

Vessels coming from in-  
fested ports, however, are much more  
readily dealt with, and at this time  
ships from India receive the closest  
scrutiny. Whenever there is apprehension  
of danger, cabin passengers are  
examined as to their whereabouts for  
some time before sailing, and baggage  
and mails are fumigated; and infected  
passengers and those who are ill are  
sent to the islands in the lower bay.

The New York quarantine station is  
maintained by fees collected from en-  
tering vessels. Both steam and sailing  
vessels from foreign ports pay five dol-  
lars, and between May and November  
all vessels from domestic ports south of  
Cape Henlopen are taxed—each steam-  
er three dollars, and each sailing vessel  
one dollar. The amount of these fees  
varies from year to year, but generally  
it just about covers the running ex-  
penses, which are about \$50,000. When-  
ever there is any extra expenditure it  
is met by special appropriation by the  
legislature.

Prior to the cholera scare of 1892 it  
was not always easy to obtain the  
necessary extra appropriations, but  
since then there has been no trouble or  
delay. This result is held to have been  
extremely beneficial; the methods of  
maintaining a quarantine have not  
changed materially, however, since they  
were undoubtedly already the best in  
the world, only needing sufficient means  
to carry them out.

In addition to the protection of the  
state quarantine, the port of New York  
would also have all additional protec-  
tion it should ask from the United  
States government quarantine in cases  
of necessity.



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### SOME WONDERFUL MEN.

Matthew Buckinger, a German, who,  
many years ago, exhibited himself in  
London, had neither arms nor legs, but,  
nevertheless, managed to write a good  
hand, very clear and round, by holding  
the pen between the stump of the right  
arm and his cheek.

Beethoven could play, from memory,  
all the preludes and fugues contained  
in Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavier."  
There are 48 preludes and the same num-  
ber of fugues, and, as each is in the  
most abstruse style of counter point, the  
difficulty of this performance will be  
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in musical history. He had prodigious  
strength of arm and wrist, which en-  
abled him to achieve astounding results,  
but his deficiency of touch was very re-  
markable. When learning the piano he  
was often known to practice from 14 to  
16 hours a day.

Sir William Hamilton mentions a  
tailor whose name he does not give,  
who was blind from birth, and yet, by  
the sense of touch alone, could distin-  
guish the patterns of Scotch plaids,  
used in the kilts of the Highland cos-  
tumes; matching the cloth with all  
the exactness that might be expected  
of one having perfect vision.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That  
Contain Mercuric.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense  
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whole system when entering it through  
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good you can possibly derive from them.

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any purpose. Apply to Levi Hibber, 142 N.  
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daughter of Frank Crumley, formerly of  
Peoria, is lying dangerously ill as the re-  
sult of a ruptured blood vessel.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped  
hands and lips. Heals, soothes, stops pain  
sores. Instant relief for the virtues of  
at once. These are the "A. J. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," and N.  
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there were six criminal trials without a  
conviction.

All the different forms of skin  
troubles, from chapped hands to eczema  
and indolent ulcers can be readily  
cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve,  
the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son,  
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sumption can be nipped in the bud by  
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And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' handturned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.  
Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.  
No more circuit court business until next Friday.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraiture but—

Rabbit hunting is popular sport for the hunters just now.

Ladies' felt slippers 50c at Folrath & Hardy's—26-dwt

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keek.

The police had a quiet time of it last night.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dwt

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-did

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Take the Vandala-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Many ladies wore at the court house this forenoon making entries of bread, butter and jellies.

Robert Blue says if he can be the whole thing he would like to have the Republican nomination for postmaster.

The rapid sale of Irwin's Kola Celery compound is evidence of its being a superior preparation.

Men, do you know that you can buy a pair of Edwin Clapp's \$7 enamel cork sole shoes at Folrath & Hardy's for \$5—8 dwt?

A trial will convince you that Irwin's harmless headache powders are the best.

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and get your money's worth to attend the Turners' masque ball Wednesday, Feb. 17.—9-did

The Farmers' institute is in progress at the court house. Attend the day and evening meetings and inspect the exhibit of farm products in the corridors of the building.

As a result of the protracted meeting held at the First M. E. church by Rev. D. F. Howe, assisted by Rev. Henry Lunn, there have been over 100 professions, and there will be many additions to the church.

Rev. Ned Forrest, an evangelist of the Congregational church, is reported to have disappeared from a point in southern Illinois where he had been conducting meetings. It is supposed that he has just left the east the last of the week.

Make your arrangements to attend the grand masquerade ball at the Turner hall, Wednesday, Feb. 17, only persons receiving invitations will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Turnverein.—9-did

The funeral of Mrs. Sadie B. McClary occurred from the family residence, 1059 St. Louis avenue at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Howe officiating. The funeral services at the grave were in charge of the Daughters of Rebecca of which the deceased was a member. The pall bearers were William Bundy, H. H. Wise, Charles Rose, J. Gouey, W. F. McGuire, J. H. Baldridge. The honorary pall bearers were chosen from the Daughters of Rebecca and were Mr. L. H. Cope, Mrs. J. Nicholson, Mrs. Alice Fibroburg, Mrs. A. W. Hendricks, Miss Cordie Underwood, Mrs. L. D. Stine. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

H. Pettibone, who has been holding a series of materializing seances at the residence of Mrs. Haworth, 457 North Jackson street, will hold his last seance this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone will leave for the east the last of the week.

Mr. Ahrens will occupy the north room for a wholesale wine stock, the wines coming from Monteremoro, Cal. He will run the wine business in connection with the bottling works. The improvement contemplated will involve an expenditure of about \$7000.

J. C. Hane for Justice of the Peace.

In another part of this issue of the Republican may be found the announcement of J. C. Hane as a candidate for justice of the peace subject to the Republican township convention.

Mr. Hane is a sound Republican, is an ex-Union soldier, having served in the 73d Illinois infantry, and served for two years for Decatur township as overseer of the poor.

Mr. Hane is well qualified for the position of justice of the peace, and would make a creditable official. He asks fair consideration at the hands of Republicans and is entitled to ask it.

Should he secure the nomination which he seeks he will be elected.

One Plan.

Hon. W. G. Cochran, who is chairman of the house committee on judicial apportionment has lined up a district which he says looks well on paper. His plan is to put Macon, Moultrie, DuWitt, Plett, Champaign and Douglas counties in one district, making it a congressional, judicial and two senatorial districts. It is suggested that Logan county should be added to the list.

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## FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Second Annual Meeting in Progress at the Court House.

### EXHIBIT JUST LIKE A COUNTY FAIR

Opening Exercises This Afternoon

Address of Welcome by President Bean — Three Days' Session.

The second annual session of the Macon county farmers' institute began at the court house this afternoon with a large attendance and a lively interest in the splendid exhibit of products of the farm, the orchard and the dairy. The exercises are held in the circuit court room and the display of products is made in the corridors of the court house. The display includes corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, apples, bread, cakes, butter, etc., etc., all attractively shown on tables. The exhibit is highly creditable, and the management feels greatly encouraged.

The Judges.

This forenoon the judges on the various exhibits were appointed. They are as follows:

On Sweet and Irish Potatoes—Henry F. May, D. H. Holloman, Hiram Boyer.

On special exhibit for the Tuit checker and apples—Sam C. Davis, Jacob Hanes and Joshua Green.

On field corn and pop corn, oats, wheat and clover—W. T. Moffett, H. C. Griffin, J. B. Nowlin.

On bread, butter, oaks and canned fruits—Mrs. Joseph Cooper, Mrs. M. M. Warnick, Mrs. Austin Dunham.

These committees will pass on the merits of all the articles displayed. On the last day of the exhibit oil of the exhibits except the bread will be sold at auction. The bread will be given to the poor. Entries will positively close at noon tomorrow.

The Exercises.

This afternoon the circuit court room was filled when W. H. Bean, the president called the institute to order. After prayer by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, there was a song by school children from the Marietta and Wood street schools, directed by F. W. Westhoff. The piano used was from the S. M. Lotz music house. Secretary Thrift read the minutes of the 1896 institute and they were approved.

President Bean gave the address of welcome. He spoke of the general benefits of an institute and exhibit, in bringing the farmers of the county together; in letting each other see what their neighbors produce, to the end that better results may be attained. Mr. Bean was gratified to see so many people present and to note the large display of products. He said that the judges appointed would pass on all of the articles impartially and that exact justice would be done. The institute is non-political. Mr. Bean commanded Judge Vall for giving way so that the farmers could have the use of the court house in court time, and he also complimented the various committees for their good work. In closing Mr. Bean spoke in general terms of the hardships the farmers had to undergo, at the same time mentioning some of the pleasures of life down on the farm. He pointed out particularly the educational advantages of the institute, and said that Macon county farmers generally would be greatly benefited.

There was another song by the school children which was followed by the general discussion on "What are the Most Profitable crops in diversified farming," led by Hon. W. T. Moffett of Blue Mound township.

Wednesday, Second Day, 10 a. m.

Morning session—

Prayer—Rev. D. F. Howe.

Song.

General Discussion, subject, "Farm Management"—Led by the President, Wm. H. Bean.

"Fences"—R. M. Bell.

"How to Make Money Raising Poultry"—Mrs. R. Judy.

Song.

Afternoon session, 1:30 o'clock—

"Insect Destructive to Agriculture"—F. J. Jack.

"Profitable Horse Breeding"—J. F. Reid, veterinarian.

"Township High Schools"—President John W. Cook, Normal University.

Song.

Evening session, 7:30 o'clock—

Song—High School Glee Club.

Reading—Mrs. Clarence J. McConnell.

Music—High School Orchestra.

Recitation—Mamie Mayall.

Reading—Mrs. Clarence J. McConnell.

Institute Management.

Officers—W. H. Bean, Blue Mound, president; E. R. Moffett, Boddy, vice president; C. A. Thrift, Forsyth, secretary; C. H. Scott, Mt. Zion, treasurer.

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Exhibit Committee—David Weilepp, Marion; E. R. Moffett, Boddy; John Walker, Oakley; Charles French, Warren.

Proposed at the supper table.

At Vernon, Ill., Feb. 10—William D. McBride and Miss Addie May McDowell were married at the home of Miss Estella Blizzard, on West Broadway, last evening. Both parties boarded with Miss Blizzard and at the supper table last evening, without any preliminary courtship, Mr. McBride challenged Miss McDowell to marry him. The challenge was promptly accepted, a license was procured, a minister called in, a few friends summoned and the twain made one. The bride is a student in the business college here, but her home is in Paris. Mr. McBride is a Louisville and Nashville depot official here.

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WAR IN AFRICA.

Royal Niger Companies' Expedition Defeats the Emir of Nupe and Capture the Palace.

Spain's War in the Philippines.

Reported Killing of 1100 Insurgents.

Spanish Loss Only 24—Queen Lil Dangerous Sick.

Utah Earthquake.

London, Feb. 10.—Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger companies' expedition against the Emir of Nupe, cables from the palace of the Emir at Bida under date of Jan. 29, saying the palace was captured. A private telegram adds that Lieutenant Thomson of the Leicestershire regiment was killed. The capture of Bida will probably complete the destruction of the Fulah power and most likely add to the British-African territory. The dispute between the Emir and the Niger company is of long standing, growing out of the Emir's practice of executing slaves by wholesale after raiding the territory under the protection of the company to obtain victims. He was frequently warned to stop this practice but failing to do so the Punitive expedition was sent against him with the result given above. The Emir is a most powerful vassal of the great Mohammedan sun-gods of Sokoto.

Horn Men Got Their Dixy.

Some time ago the five Republicans who remained faithful to the end and carried the big tin horn to President-elect McKinley, received their share of the money realized on the long journey.

They got about \$40 each. The expenses on the trip were pretty steep. The party left Decatur on Nov. 16 and arrived at Canton on Dec. 29. They had to pay about \$60 a week for board and incidentals expenses to meet for shoes, socks, shirts and pantaloons. They paid out big money for photographs of the horn. Those who started with the party and didn't go through did not get a penny.

A Big Eagle.

The American eagle killed by Frank Reinhardt at Havana on a recent hunting expedition, has been stuffed and mounted by a Chicago taxidermist. The eagle measures seven feet from tip to tip. It can be seen at Swick & Reinhardt's place on Water street.

Lost.

Somewhere on West William street between North Main and North Pine street on Saturday evening a cut glass vinaigrette with the initials "B. H." engraved upon the top. A reward will be paid for its return to the Republican office.—S. Taylor.

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